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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, LE

SUBJECT: ABDUCTION OF COLONEL MORGAN

REF: BEIRUT 9894

1. AT 1400 LOCAL JULY 7 FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND SUNNI LEADER  
SAEB SALAAM TELEPHONED ME TO SAY HE HAD A HOUR'S CONVERSATION  
WITH YASSER ARAFAT, DURING WHICH THEY DISCUSSED AT  
GREAT LENGTH THE MORGAN CASE. SALAAM SAID THAT NOT-  
WITHSTANDING ARAFAT'S PREOCCUPATION WITH LAST NIGHT'S  
ISRAELI RAIDS IN SOUTHERN LEEBANON ARAFAT TOLD HIM THAT  
HE HAD SPOKEN SHARPLY AND BITTERLY WITH AT LEAST  
THREE "LEADERS" DURING THE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING.  
IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN MORGAN'S RELEASE. I MENTIONED  
TO SAEB SALAAM THAT I HAD UNDERSTOOD RASHIC KARAME  
WOULD ALSO BE SPEAKING TO ARAFAT. SALAAM SAID THAT  
WAS SO AND HE HAD TELEPHONED THE PRIMIN FROM WHERE HE

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AND ARAFAT WERE SPEAKING. AFTER REPORTING TO PRIMIN

WHAT ARAFAT HAD TOLD HIM. PRIMIN AND ARAFAT THEN SPOKE FOR ABOUT  
TEN MINUTES. THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONVERSATION WAS THAT BOTH MEN  
WERE REALTIVELY HOPEFUL THAT MORGAN MIGHT BE RELEASED LATE TODAY.  
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